# **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Brookline, Mass.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Assessors Held on April 6, 2010

The Board convened at 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2010. Present at the meeting were members of the Board Gary McCabe, Mark Mazur, and Harold Petersen. Deputy Chief Assessor Rachid Belhocine joined the Board for a discussion of abatements, exemptions, and old business.

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2010, were accepted as submitted.

# Correspondence

Mr. McCabe reported that a letter was being sent out to taxpayers seeking the residential exemption in those cases where we need more information to verify eligibility.

## Tax Deferral

The Board reviewed and approved one application for Tax Deferral for Fiscal Year 2010.

# **Pending Appeals**

The Board discussed two cases currently under review and gave its approval to efforts to settle the cases.

### ATB Abatements

The Board reviewed and approved a total of 5 abatements of real estate taxes as arrived at in settlement of Appellate Tax Board cases.

### **Abatements**

The Board reviewed a total of 51 applications for abatement of real estate taxes for Fiscal Year 2010, of which 15 were approved and 36 were denied.

# Residential Exemptions

The Board reviewed a total of 12 applications for residential exemption for Fiscal Year 2010, of which 10 were approved and 2 were denied.

# **Statutory Exemptions**

The Board reviewed and approved two applications for statutory exemption for Fiscal Year 2010.

# **Additional Exempt Property**

The Board reviewed an application for exemption on a property recently acquired by a private school in Brookline. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously that the property would be exempt for Fiscal Year 2011.

### Old Business

The Board continued its discussion from a prior meeting of an effort to resolve an appeal on a large multi-unit property on which substantial renovations are being made. The Board also discussed a property recently purchased by a Hospital. Finally, Mr. McCabe reported to the Board that the warrant articles proposed by the Board have been endorsed by both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m.

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